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Demands Accounting

Secret Spending By CIA Challenged

Constitutional Right Violated, Greensburg Man Contends In Suit

A Westmoreland County man has filed a suit in Federal Court contending he has been deprived of his constitutional right to a regular statement of money received and spent by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

✓ William B. Richardson, an insurance claims examiner, filed the self-prepared suit yesterday, naming as defendant, S. S. Sokol, commissioner, Bureau of Accounts, Fiscal Service, U. S. Treasury Dept.

Cites Lack Of Receipts

✓ He claims the lack of CIA receipts and expenditures in Treasury reports is in violation of the U. S. Constitution.

Mr. Richardson, 48, of 149 Westmoreland Ave., Greensburg, asked the court to find that:

✓ The intent of Article One, Section Nine, Clause Seven of the U. S. Constitution was to make available to every citizen a regular statement of receipts and expenditures of all public money.

✓ A condition to use of public money by a Government agency be that its expenditures be available and no classification be given to prevent its inclusion in printed reports.

✓ No subterfuge play a part in production of regular statement of money drawn from the Treasury.

Mr. Richardson claims the defendant does not know the amount of money the CIA receives from the Treasury, despite the constitutional mandate that "no money shall be drawn from the Treasury except in consequence of appropriations made by law."

Cites No 'Accountability'

He said the CIA Act of 1949 is "repugnant" to the Constitution because it authorizes collusion between the CIA, the Bureau of the Budget, and "other agencies" in the alleged transferring of money from one agency to the CIA "practically without limitation in spending and without accountability."

According to Mr. Richardson, the act "authorizes depositories of public money within other agencies that draw on the Treasury to insulate the CIA from any record of having drawn public money from the only Constitutional depository of record within the Federal

system as far as the people are concerned."

This undermines confidence in the Government's ability to produce a regular statement, he charged.

Mr. Richardson said he has a "legal background" always has been interested in constitutional law.

"If I'm right, I'll prevail," he said in reference to the suit.

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